

## **2009 ART COMPETITION GUIDELINES**

- The competition is open to high school students only.
- In order to allow an artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are necessary:
  - All artwork must be framed according to the appropriate framing guidelines, listed below.
  - Artwork must conform to these restrictions:
    - Artwork must be two-dimensional
    - Each piece can be **no larger** than 30 inches high, 30 inches wide and 4 inches deep including the frame. Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.
    - Each entry must be an original concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo (not the student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.
- Artwork will hang in the Capitol for **the entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to students earlier. Students, therefore, should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.
- Artwork categories are as follows:
  - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
  - Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
  - Collage: must be two dimensional
  - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
  - Mixed media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, etc.
  - Computer generated art
  - Photography
- A **TYPED** copy of the Student Release form, signed by both the teacher and the student, must be attached to the artwork to certify the originality of the piece. **An additional copy of the student release form should be submitted for the Congressman's records.**
- The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed.
- Important Dates:
  - Artwork turned into your teacher **no later than April 3, 2009**
  - Artwork mailed or delivered to Congressman Hensarling's Dallas office **no later than April 20, 2009**

- Winner notified by **May 4, 2009**
- Framed winning artwork sent to Washington, D.C. on **May 18, 2009**
- Ribbon-cutting ceremony in Washington, D.C. on **Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**.

➤ **Framing Guidelines**

- **All artwork must be framed.** Frames should be kept as simple and sturdy as possible. Metal frames are recommended. No “snap on” frames with glass are to be used.
- All artwork must be protected by Plexiglas or glass. Plexiglas is preferred. If glass is used, cover the entire surface completely with masking tape prior to shipping.
- All works, **including frame**, should be **no larger** than 30 inches high, 30 inches wide, and 4 inches deep and 15lbs in weight. *This includes the outside dimensions of the frame.* Please double check size before submitting your entry for judging. Due to wide participation of Member offices, framed work larger than the specified dimensions will be turned away.
- Matting can enhance or detract from a work of art and should be carefully prepared.
- Use sturdy picture hangers. Two sturdy eye hooks should be attached at the right and the left sides of the back of the work for hanging in order to prevent the work from leaning forward or hanging unevenly. Do not put wire between the hooks for hanging, these will be added when the artwork is hung in the Capitol.
- **Do not attach labels, ribbon, etc.** to the front of the piece or underneath the glass or Plexiglas.
- If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the back side which side is “up” with arrows.
- As directed by the House Oversight and Standards of Official Conduct Committees, **each district winner is responsible for framing his or her own entry.**
- A **TYPED** copy of the Student Release Form **must be** attached to the back of the artwork along with an adhesive label as shown. **An additional copy of the student release form should be submitted for the Congressman’s records.**
- Please use the largest label you have available.

**Adhesive Label**

Congressman Jeb Hensarling
5 <sup>th</sup> District of Texas
Title of Piece
Medium
Student Name
Student Address and Phone Number